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IRISH SITUATION GRAVE.

CRITICAL TIMES AHEAD

DE VALERA MAKING MISCHIEF.

BELFAST BLOODSHED CONTINUES.

LONDON, February 15

Mr. Collins has arrived at London to discuss with the Cabinet the new situation in Ireland. The papers dwell on the gravity of the situation arising out of the Ulster frontier troubles and the difficulty of the Government's position in having to give both the Provisional and the Ulster Governments assurances.

Lord Birkenhead, speaking in the House of Lords, said that within the next few weeks we were going through the most critical period probably in living memory. He did not know if we would get through it successfully.

GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEM.

LATER.

Lord Birkenhead's speech in the House of Lords attracted attention on Ireland. The situation here was extraordinarily complicated. On the one hand the Government was determined to push the passage of the Free State bill legalising the treaty in order to strengthen the hands of Messrs. Griffith and Collins against the disorderly element which were flouting the Provisional Government's authority and on the other hand the Government felt bound to assist the defence of Ulster against raids.

The Unionist die-hards at Westminster are taking advantage of this situation and have given notice of an amendment declining to proceed with the bill until murders, kidnappings, attacks, and arrests cease. Delay in passage of the bill is bound to strengthen the recalcitrant Sinn Feiners.

DE VALERA'S HEROICS

Mr. De Valera, in a proclamation yesterday evening announced placing himself at the head of a resurgent nation purified by the sufferings of the whole people and marching to the great destiny to which God has called the Gaelic race.

The fact that Mr. Collins is again consulting Downing Street is exploited by the irreconcilable Republicans who are hoping to carry the Ardara or all-Ireland Sinn Fein Congress at Dublin on February 21.

BELFAST BAYONET CHARGE

The Ulster frontier is quiet, but bloodshed continues at Belfast where seven people were killed last night.

Altogether 24 people have been killed and wounded since Saturday.

IMPARTIAL BORDER COMMISSION.

LONDON, February 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill announced that Mr. Michael Collins who arrived at London to day, had obtained the release of the fifteen kidnapped Unionists and hoped that more would be liberated to day. Sir James Craig and Mr. Collins had agreed to Mr. Churchill's suggestion to appoint an impartial commission to proceed to the border to ascertain the facts and keep in touch with each other with a view to allaying the very great reciprocal apprehension.

EVACUATION OF TROOPS CONTINUED.

LONDON, February 15.

The evacuation of British troops from South Ireland has been resumed.

LONDON, February 15.
The continued disorders in Belfast culminated in a bayonet charge after the crowd had refused to disperse. One civilian was seriously injured.

The deathroll since Saturday is 32. Over a hundred have been injured. Two of the kidnapped men have returned.

WIRTH GOVERNMENT'S WIN.

CENSURE MOTIONS DEFEATED.

SETBACK FOR HERR HUGO SPINNES.

BERLIN, February 15.

The Wirth Government has obtained a fresh lease of life as a result of the keenly awaited debate on various censure motions relating ostensibly to the Government's handling of the railway strike which ended in a vote of confidence by 330 to 185 votes. The vote is regarded as a setback for the industrial-magnate Herr Hugo Spinnke.

RUSSIAN Famine Relief.

SWEDEN'S MILLION KRONOR VOTE.

STOCKHOLM, February 15.
Parliament has voted a million kronor for famine relief in Russia.

SIAM'S LOAN A SUCCESS.

LONDON, February 15.

The Siamese loan has closed. It was an immediate success.

PRINCE'S DELHI VISIT.

HARTAL FAILS MISERABLY.

KING EDWARD STATUE UNVEILED.

DELHI, February 15.

The complete hartal proclaimed in Delhi in view of the Prince's visit failed so entirely that the non-cooperator's committee last night posted notices in the city calling it off. The Chief of Police tells me that from the data collected he estimated that the crowds collected to witness the Prince's arrival on Tuesday afternoon totalled 100,000. It is true that a large proportion came in from the outlying districts but such a reception made the hartal an absurdity.

This morning the Prince unveiled the all India memorial to King Edward.

The Viceroy delivered a fine eulogy of the ruler who was also always the friend describing how the inception of this memorial was due to the Earl of Minto who invited the peoples of India to subscribe five lakhs of rupees for the purpose.

To the booming of 101 guns, the Prince released two vast Union Jacks disclosing a fine equestrian statue of the late King Emperor in dark bronze upon a red stone pedestal.

In the evening the Viceroy gave a grand state banquet in the Prince's honour, 236 guests of eminence and distinction sitting down in the great ballroom. Sir Herbert Russell, Reuter's special correspondent.

SEA GOING VISIBLY PILFERAGE

EVIL GREATLY DIMINISHED.

RISKS TOO GREAT FOR THE THIEVES.

LONDON, February 15.

It is authoritatively stated that pilferage of goods in transit by seagoing vessels is now diminishing, particularly at Liverpool, in consequence of effective action by the shipping companies and altered conditions after the war. An international gang was reported previously to have operated, especially in the Far East, but the risk has been made too great for thieves and receivers.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNCE.

"A LIVING MANIFESTATION."

THE HAGUE, February 15.

It was a concrete and living manifestation of international conscience said the Dutch Foreign Minister in welcoming the Permanent Court of International Justice which was formally opened in the Palace of Peace with considerable pomp and splendour.

Members of the Dutch Royal family and government, also representatives of the League of Nations and the International Labour Bureau, high officials and diplomats were present when the judges attired in rich robes took the oath.

The city was gaily decorated for the occasion.

TRADE WITH THE FAR EAST.

GERMAN COMPETITION GROWING.

LONDON, February 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Sir W. Mitchell-Thompson, on behalf of the Board of Trade said that he was aware German trade in China and the Far East was showing signs of recovery, but he did not think this could be attributed to lack of official aid given to British trade. It was impossible at present to undertake the expense of additional staff.

EQUITABLE INSURANCE FAILURE.

THREE OTHER COMPANIES INVOLVED.

LONDON, February 15.

Consequent on the Equitable Insurance winding up cabled yesterday, the City Equitable, an associated company which was formed in July under the former's auspices, is petitioning for winding up. Similar petitions have also been presented by the Greater Britain Insurance Corporation and the City of London Insurance Company.

MEXICAN REBELS EXECUTED.

MEXICO CITY, February 15.

General Antonio Ruiz and Captain Lugardo Perez, of the Federal Army have been executed at Chihuahua following conviction for rebellion.

HOLLAND AND THE VATICAN.

SOCIALIST MOTION REJECTED.

THE HAGUE, February 15.

The Chamber by 43 to 27 votes rejected a Socialist motion designed to suppress Dutch representation at the Vatican and passed by 71 to 2 votes the Foreign Ministry's resolution.

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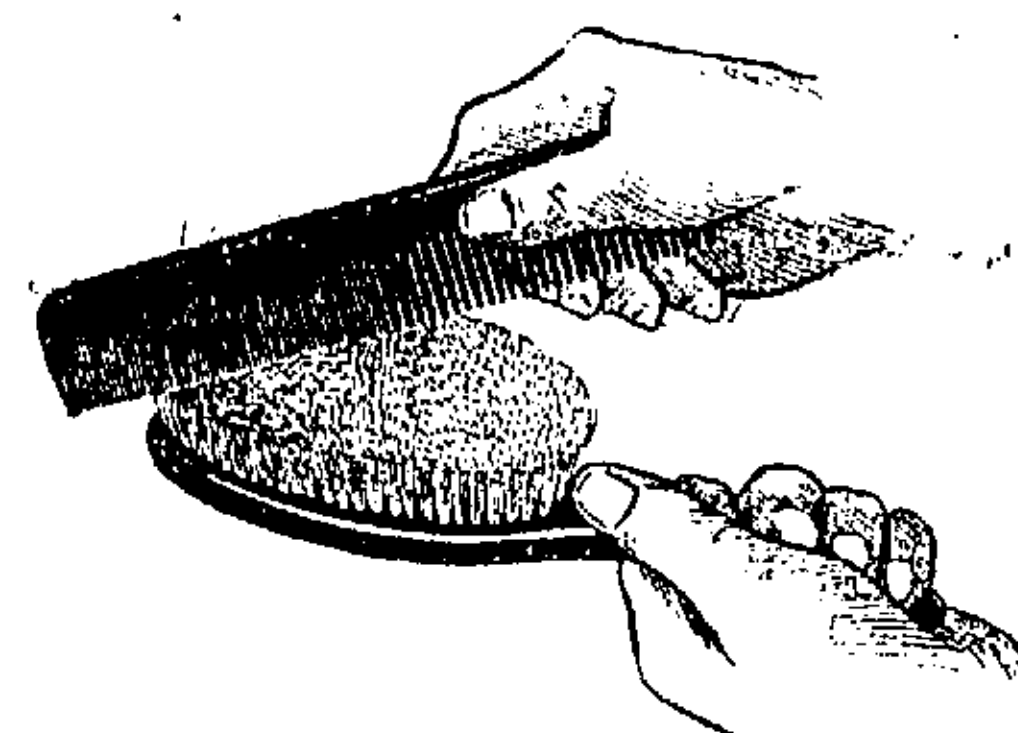
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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 16, Coronet Theatre.
Paramount Artcraft's "Male and
Female." Hongkong Theatre, "Ashes
of Deceit." World Theatre, "Lord Cur-
zon in the 'Bride of Fear.'" also the
Great Gaiety Troupe, Kowloon
Theatre, "The Law of the Yukon."

February 20, Society for Preven-
tion of Cruelty to Animals, family dress-
ball, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 21, Royal Dockyard
Recreation Club annual ball, City
Hall, 8.30 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

February 20, Hongkong Jockey
Club race meeting, first day, The
Challenge Cup.

February 21, Hongkong Jockey
Club race meeting, second day, The
Hongkong Derby.

February 22, Hongkong Jockey
Club race meeting, third day, The
Champion Stakes.

February 23, Hongkong Jockey
Club race meeting, fourth day, The
Hongkong Handicap.

February 25, Hongkong Boxing
Association's tournament, Theatre
Royal, 9.15 p.m.

March 31, Hongkong Boxing
Association, novices' tournament,
Theatre Royal.

April 1, Hongkong Boxing
Association, novices' tournament,
Theatre Royal.

OTHER EVENTS.

March 2, Hongkong Horticultural
Society's annual show, Botanic
Gardens.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES.

February 16, Hughes and Hough,
several cases, hats, shirts, etc., Sales
Rooms, 10.30 a.m. Jewellery, etc., of
several deceased persons also quantity
of silverware, effects of the late Mr.
H. R. Noble, Sales Rooms, 2.30 p.m.

February 18, Lambert Bros.,
woollen suits and lengths and five new
brass bedsteads, Sales Rooms, 11
a.m.

March 10, Hughes and Hough, old
and scrupulous victualling stores, Kow-
loon Naval Depot, 9.50 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 17, Hongkong Hotel Co.,
Ltd., second extraordinary general
meeting, to confirm resolution in-
creasing capital from \$2,500,000 to
\$5,000,000, Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 18, Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, ordi-
nary yearly meeting of shareholders,
City Hall, noon.

February 18, The West Point
Building Co., extraordinary general
meeting to confirm resolution for
voluntarily winding up the company,
Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson,
& Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

March 3, Humphreys Estate and
Finance Co., Ltd., extraordinary
general meeting, Hongkong Hotel,
11.30 a.m.

March 4, Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,
3rd, ordinary yearly meeting of
shareholders, Registered office, No.
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THE DROSERA CANNIBALS.

yes, they have senses. We have long

known that they have. This general

activity proves the fact that unites the

animal and vegetable worlds, and

confirms Claude Bernard's general

thesis which proclaims the community

of all living things.

In noting that his *drosera* seems

more easily to devour living animals

than dead ones, Hartenstatter adds

that the victims do not appear to

suffer up to the instant when life

abandons them; they do not seem

even to realise their situation at the

moment when their absorption has

already begun.

And each "meal" of the

monster, who seems insatiable,

in two or three days, brings about an

increase in the circumference of the

trunk, as well as in the length and

robustness of the branches and leaves.

One day, Hartenstatter made up

his mind to direct his researches into

a new channel, and from the military

hospital where he goes every morning

on medical service, he brought back

the hand of a wounded soldier who

had just undergone amputation,

having cleverly withdrawn it from

the receptacle of surgical debris as it

was on its way to the furnace of the

hospital crematorium.

And his note-book states that the

drosera completely absorbed that

hand in five hours forty-eight

minutes.

While, three times the same weight

of food furnished by the remains of a

rabbit a week earlier, had only in-
creased the trunk of the *drosera* by

half a millimeter, human flesh on this

occasion had developed it two thirds

of a millimeter.

Dr. Hartenstatter is triumphant,

he has discovered an anthropophagous

plant, the *drosera cannibalis*!

From this day onward, the horrible

doctor employs all his astuteness to

get human flesh, and his duties but

make this task all the simpler.

But an obsession is apparent in a

remark in the note book at the end

of several weeks; since the *drosera*

preferred living animals, and derived

very much more advantage from

them, would it not be the same with

living human flesh?

Horror! On January 2, 1917,

Hartenstatter brings back with him a

baby two months old, which he had

stolen in the country.

The note book states that the

drosera had seized its "food" more

quickly than usual. Hartenstatter had

not dared to write the word "child",

but there can be no doubt about the

nature of the "food" in this instance,

for he describes the gag placed over

the mouth of the victim, which did

not appear to suffer, and which five

hours after its legs had been seized by

the vegetable monster, had still

sufficient desire to live to enable it to

suck at the feeding-bottle which the

abominable savant placed in its

mouth in order to prolong the

patient's existence, as well as the

duration of his own observations.

Hartenstatter, magnifying-glass in

hand, follows all the phases of the

infernal meal; they are observed and

set down every fifteen minutes.

Unfortunately, many pages are

missing from the note book which, by

sheer chance, I managed to rescue

from the ruins of his villa which was

plundered and burnt by the maddened

people when his frightful experiments

and his stealing of children became

known.

Still, the pages that exist are

dreadful, and, at the same time, full

of bold, mad guesses which, later

maybe, will be confirmed, and then

declared normal.

Is it possible to read, without

shuddering, an avowal as cynical as

the following?

May 12, 1918.—Idiot, to lose

their heads over vivisection! Ah,

well! What matters the disappear-

ance of nine youngsters—he had gone

as far as that sixteen months after

his first crime!—if one can wrest

such a secret from nature? Is she

not herself pitiless nature our mother,

our cruel step-mother?

My experiments, painless though

they be, are indeed less cruel than

that of Sir Jagadis Chunder Bose who

asphyxiates flowers; his description

of the slow agony of a mimosa under

the action of chloroform is far crueler

than the slow unconscious simulation

of all these embryos of human life.

Just as in the case of the other

victims, this one allows no signs of

suffering, no uneasiness, and yet one

third of his body has already

disappeared, and at present the

tentacles are clutching the shoulders,

the head alone being free; as with the

others, as soon as a tentacle clutches

a vital organ, then psychic life will

disappear.

It is fine and elusive than the

swallowing of a living creature by a

boa constrictor or by an octopus.

November 21, 1918, 7 o'clock.

Experiment to-day is splendidly con-

clusive; the infants, in each case no

far only a few months old, absorbed

by my *drosera cannibalis*, were

human flesh without let or hindrance

but the present victims, which certainly

over three years of age, and, retarded,

ought to understand that he is being

absorbed, but he is disappearing, but

his eyes betray no fear, he utters no

complaint, his condition is not one of

resignation, neither is it anaesthesia,

since, a moment ago, he felt the prick

of a pin that I gave him in the neck.

There is no agony.

I may thus conclude that vegetal

assimilation is a normal phase, under

a form hitherto unknown, but which

supports my thesis of the final

enslavement of the animal kingdom

by the vegetable kingdom.

The former may be destroyed on

our planet to-morrow, and for some

time at least, Life will continue, it is

almost childish to affirm yet once

again, that if the vegetable kingdom

came to an end suddenly, the animal

kingdom would cease some days

later.

And I believe that a perfectly

conscious destiny directs the ideal of

vegetable life towards this end, full of

a mysterious abnegation and of be-

coming, by their transformation, the

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DEATHS.

BLUMENTHAL.—On February 9, 1922, at Shanghai, Mary Blumenthal, of pneumonia, wife of Nathan Blumenthal.

FORDE.—On February 10, 1922, at Shanghai, Dorothy Kathleen, the wife of F. H. Forde, aged 36 years.

The China Mail.

TRADE, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB 16, 1922

SIR CHARLES ELIOT'S BOOK.

Can three heavy volumes, priced at four guineas, properly be described as "a sketch"? An historical sketch is what Sir Charles Eliot has called his new book on Hinduism and Buddhism. The point is of no serious importance. The more momentous question is whether Sir Charles Eliot had any special qualifications, such as knowledge of any of the "sacred" tongues of the East, or familiarity with the peoples who profess or practice these religions, to justify him in adding to the already copious bibliography concerned. Tolerance and sympathy are excellent, and the trick of lucid exposition is good, but a tax of four guineas entitles us to ask if the new work is to add to knowledge or merely to the reputation of a career maker. We entertain the profound suspicion that the number of Europeans who understand Hinduism is not large. We have failed to understand it ourselves, after taking some pains to do so. We are content now to accept such sympathetic interpretations as those by Mr. David Wilson. Buddhism,

although far less simple than some Europeans have pretended, yields its secrets after a reasonable amount of study, and it is in this department that Sir Charles Eliot fails to capture our complete confidence. He says in one place:

"I do not think that Christianity will ever make much progress in Asia, for what is commonly known by that name is not the teaching of Christ, but a rearrangement of it made in Europe and, like most European institutions, practical rather than thoughtful. And as for the teaching of Christ Himself, the Indian finds it excellent but not ample or satisfying. There is little in it which cannot be found in some of the many scriptures of Hinduism, and it is silent on many points about which they speak, if not with convincing authority, at least with suggestive profundity. Neither do I think that Europe is likely to adopt Buddhist or Brahmic methods of thought on any large scale. Theosophical and Buddhist societies have my sympathy, but it is sympathy with lonely workers in an unpopular cause, and I am not sure that they always understand what they try to teach."

A dangerous jibe that, surely, for the author of such a book? If we understand correctly that he thinks Hinduism and Buddhism have not changed the life and thought of peoples, while he claims that Islam alone has done so, he must expect the *in quaque*. He has not elucidated for Europeans the mystery of the Buddhist notion of the non-individual soul and *nibbana*; and his suggestion that *karma* in the Buddhist metaphysics is equal to the metaphysics of Hinduism we understand to be wrong. Here is a characteristic remark: "Not to like any particular view about the destinies of the soul is generally, but most illogically, considered a reason for

rejecting it." The "most illogically" in that shows that he hasn't the subtlety of mind necessary for the understanding of metaphysics, for the psychological basis of logical "dislikes" is that the mind dislikes them. Incongruity offends the mind; but why the mind should claim that only the congruous is logical is a fitting problem for the research methods of Zen. Metaphysics itself is transcendental logic, and the "dislike" he mentions as "general" is universal and inescapable. We notice that a Home reviewer (whether deriving it from Sir Charles Eliot or not we cannot discover) observes that the Indians "do not separate religion from philosophy." None do that, for none can. Makers of European books may have designed classifications which ostensibly do so, but the separation is pure fancy, like that which supposes the incongruousness of science and religion. All these forms of thinking are grist for the same mill, the mind that is curious to enquire and to know, and that has its likes and its dislikes. Science is only science so long as it is accumulating verifiable data. It becomes philosophy when it begins to extract conclusions from these. Religion is philosophy based on data that may or may not be verifiable. Before science begins, philosophy provides its platform of pure assumption, for example, the ideas of causality, uniformity of sequence and so on. We may perhaps express the relations in this way. Science studies how. Religion studies why. Philosophy ponders how and why. Sir Charles Eliot sees a serious difficulty in the Christian notion that a new soul is created every time a child is born. His mind "dislikes" that, probably because it has a clearly recorded concept of the conservation of energy. It sees in "transmigration" a more logical explanation. He has grasped the Buddhist conception of the soul, there would have been no such difficulty, and no need for the "explanation" which incidentally fatigued Buddhists took over from Hinduism. Science is mentally fatiguing because of its exactness of observation and its caution. If science could live up to its ideals, it might advance more slowly than it does. But it eases its own progress, and lessens its fatigue, by the method of hypotheses. If it drops every hypothesis that it cannot find facts to fit, it shades in honesty; but while hypothesizing it has transmigrated into the freer medium of philosophy. Philosophy, however, requires such concentration that it is liable to mental fatigue even more acute. It then falls back on the scepticism of science, or jumps forward into the easy and satisfying (the not "disliked") "explanations" of religion. It oscillates between these states when (refreshed after fatigue) it tries to import one into the other. The reason that such books as Sir Charles Eliot's are possible is that different races of men, pursuing the same search, by these various routes, have suffered mental fatigue at varying points, and that at these points they have subsided into a state of rest, which is a state of mental "liking," while continued research indicates the state of mental "dislike" which Sir Charles Eliot dubs illogical. It is, of course, illogical where preference deliberately shuts its eyes to evidence, but that can hardly apply to the case in point, where the only evidence available is that afforded by human liking and disliking.

And here mental fatigue begins. It is time to drop the subject, with the summary remark that since Sir Charles Eliot's book is neither a scientific nor a religious contribution, and is inadequately philosophic, we are under no obligation to thank him for it. A man who confessedly omits three chapters on Japanese Buddhism, for the irrelevant reason that he has gone to Tokyo as British Ambassador, disentitles him to rank as a philosopher. He remains merely a diplomat.

Germany's Mephistopheles.
He is far more powerful than the Kaiser ever was. That is what the *Manchester Guardian's* Berlin correspondent says of Herr Hugo Stinnes, Germany's chief industrial magnate, who a Reuters cable indicated yesterday, is reported now to be spreading his far-reaching tentacles in the direction of the Dutch Indies. As Dr. Walther Rathenau the new German Foreign Minister, is accounted the most able so Herr Stinnes is reputed to be the wealthiest and most influential man in Germany. His fortune at the present day is estimated at more than a thousand millions of marks. He was the chief contractor for war material in the war and since 1917 he has been busy buying up newspapers, of which he now owns sixty. Slowly he has become the controlling power in the German People's Party and since the peace he has been considered as the evil spirit in the German political situation. He owns nearly all the German canal and river steamship lines and a big proportion of German transmarine steamship company shares. Together with half a dozen other industrial magnates he controls nearly all the factories and natural resources of the Rhineland and the Ruhr Valley. He is the chief director of the so-called "trustification" process that promises to do more towards setting Germany on her economic legs again than all the reparations commissions and conferences put together. His reported effort to lend money to the Dutch East Indies probably has some connection with the statement of a writer in the *Review of Reviews* who calls him the "Mephistopheles of Germany" that Herr Stinnes knows that there is no hope for Germany in political panaceas: that salvation lies only in the restoration of German trade, the finding of new sources of supply for essential industries and the creation of new markets or the recapturing of old ones.

Sorry Business.
The history of the Genoa Conference makes curious reading, painful reading. Europe, still torn and bleeding from the ravages of insensate warfare, cannot be healed piecemeal. A united effort is necessary if the chaos that has ruined Russia, strangled Austria, imperilled Germany and threatened the other States is not to overwhelm the Old World completely. Long overdue an international conference is called to devise means of saving Europe. France is among the nations that follow Britain's lead and agree to attend. Then Russia and Germany are invited: how can Europe regain economic sanity with either absent? France now has doubts, misgivings. Russia must give guarantees, Germany must give guarantees. Both are assured. One among twenty-five nations France now seeks to bind the conference beforehand not to alter, not even to discuss, the Versailles treaty. That would be intolerable. France will never permit such an immodest act. Still the conference idea survives. Unable to induce Britain to abandon

it, France now seeks to postpone it indefinitely by holding preliminary discussions of experts that she can protract for months by raising numberless technical questions. And so that France shall not stand alone in demanding indefinite postponement of the conference she has induced the small States of Central Europe to demand the right of participating in these preliminary discussions. Truly, with Europe slowly dying it is a sorry business.

Method in His Madness.
An astonishing agitator, a remarkable man, this Gandhi with his bitter resolve for revolt and his equally bitter resolve for peace. Humiliated and distressed by the violence and murder his more turbulent followers have committed in the name of the doctrines that have become his life's passion, he announces that he has begun a five days' penance, and advises the criminals to surrender to the authorities. Since a penance with Gandhi involves great personal suffering and a rebuff to adherents zealous to the point of mysticism must be very great or his perception very keen. One suspects it is the latter. Clearly he can never hope to achieve his objects by force but he may reasonably expect to achieve them by passive resistance. Hence the civil disobedience campaign, hence the non-cooperation movement. But before he can make it really effective, he must win millions to his cause. Before he can do that again, he must remove every trace of violence turning passive resistance into open conflict, a fatal prospect that would play into the hands of the authorities. So to impress his followers with the vital necessity for peace he appeals to their sympathy and remorse. He does a painful penance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
The Royal Dockyard Recreation Club's annual ball is advertised for the City Hall on February 24.
"Male and Female," the film version of Sir James Barrie's great play "The Admirable Crichton" continues to draw large crowds to the Coronet Theatre.
To help the fund which is being collected in aid of the widow of the late E. R. A. Chapman of H. M. S. "Curlew" a charity Rugby match will be played on the Hongkong club ground at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. this afternoon between teams from H. M. S. "Curlew" and the Rest of the Navy.
Cueists are reminded that entries for the Billiards Championship of the Colony close to-morrow. So far, Mr. R. C. W. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the V.R.C., has received entries from the following:—Messrs. Ng, Eze, Kwong, S. K. Kwok, Kwok, Lee, Ho, Shat, Cheong, P. W. W. Smith, Lee, Wong, and L. Y. Yanovich.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

"CEMENTS" RECORD YEAR.

PROVISION FOR PLANT EXTENSIONS.

The necessity for making provision for an extension of plant in order to maintain the Company's present strong position was emphasised by the Chairman (Mr. R. Shewan) at the 33rd ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Green Island Cement Company held at the offices of the Company in St. George's Building at 11 a.m. to-day.

In addition to Mr. R. Shewan there were present the Rev. Fr. Robert, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. J. Bell-Irving (directors), Mr. Allan Keith (secretary) and the following shareholders:—The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Messrs. W. Adamson, Tse Tsan Tai, Poon I. Cho, W. J. Hawker, M. Manuk, Leo D'Almada, A. S. Elias, F. Ellis, G. P. Lammett, W. J. Carroll, M. A. Rozack, P. M. N. da Silva, G. M. Raymond, Chan Yat Fung, A. H. Carroll, V. Yanovich, A. A. Cordeiro, N. V. A. Croucher, F. P. de V. Soares, B. Baato, E. J. de Figueiredo, E. Abraham, J. W. Kew, A. A. Alves, J. Kitchell, E. E. Ellis, C. C. Stark, W. E. Van Eps, M. A. Figueiredo, F. M. Ellis, A. Stevenson, H. A. Lammett, and Leong Lai-ton.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—As copies of the Report and Accounts have been in your possession for some time past, I need not, unless you wish me to do so, read them now.

The result of the year's work is very satisfactory and surpasses all our records. A strong demand set in in the early part of the year, and to take full advantage of it, we worked the factory to the fullest extent of its capacity, and old every cask we could turn out, but of course we cannot continue this practice indefinitely as the plant must be laid up occasionally for overhaul and repairs.

Towards the end of the year, the demand, owing to the appearance of cheap continental brands of Cement from home on some of our markets, fell to a certain extent, and gave us a little breathing space. At the moment there is a good demand locally and in China Ports, so our prospects for the present year seem good, but we cannot cope with any extra demand from abroad without additional machinery, the necessity for which is becoming urgent.

With regard to the disposal of profits, I hope that the allocation we now propose will meet with your unanimous approval, but I would not be doing my duty to shareholders if I did not point out that this is an extraordinarily large dividend declared from abnormally large profits, and it is very doubtful if, with due regard to prudence and to the necessity for finding funds for additions and extensions in the future, dividends to such an extent can be declared in the years to come.

We recommend \$250,000, being put aside out of earnings for the New Plant, as both of our principal competitors in this part of the world have recently greatly increased their output and unless we do the same, we shall not be able to retain all our customers. As I said last year, it is absolutely necessary for us to accumulate funds for additional plant. We shall now have about \$500,000, available for this purpose, and we estimate the total cost of a new 200-foot Rotary Kiln from home will be in the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000 and that the foundations and buildings for it will cost an additional \$100,000. And it will probably take two years before it is all erected and in working order, by which time we hope to have enough surplus funds to cover the total cost. Specifications and tenders for this Plant have now been received and we propose to place the order after our Works Manager, Mr. Arnott, who is going home in April on leave, arrives and has had time to go carefully into the matter on the spot.

The Dust Collecting Plant is now in course of erection and should be finished by the end of the year. We are sorry to say that the cost of the buildings and foundations will be more than we expected owing to the rise all round in the cost of labour and materials.

The Accounts are set out in detail and are, I think, quite clear, and there is nothing in them that I can see that requires any special comment, except that you will notice a debit of \$11,144.44 for cost property at Castle Peak. With regard to this, I need only say that as the cost was so small, we thought it advisable to acquire this piece of land in case it should be necessary at some future date to make use of it to supplement our present site at Hok Un. In the meantime, we hope to lease it at a rental sufficient to cover the loss of interest.

Stocks of raw material are larger than last year, as Limestone has come forward in rather better supply. I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and that we deal with the balance of profit and loss as follows:—To pay a Final Dividend

of \$3.00 per share....	\$1,200,000.00
To place to Reserve Fund	25,000.00
To place to reserve for New Plant at Hok Un	250,000.00
To Bonus to Staff.....	35,000.00
To carry forward to credit of next year's account	100,617.80
	\$1,610,617.80

The Chairman's resolution was seconded by Fr. Robert and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. G. P. Lammett, seconded by Mr. Ellis, Mr. J. Bell-Irving was confirmed as a director and the re-election of Mr. R. G. Shewan and Sir Paul Chater as directors was approved.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$750 per annum on the motion of Mr. A. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Tse Tsan Tai.

The Chairman said that that concluded the business and thanked the shareholders for attending. Dividend warrants, he announced, were now ready.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The 17th ordinary annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., was held in the Company's office, Queen's Building, at 11.30 this morning.

Mr. G. M. Dodwell presided, and there were present: The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. H. Kamei, C. J. F. Quarles van Ufford, R. G. Shewan and A. E. Crapnell (consulting committee), Messrs. G. R. Edwards, J. Owen Hughes, D. W. Munton, E. Ezra, L. S. Greenhill, F. Ellis, A. A. Ellis, J. Smythe, J. da Silva, W. E. van Eps, G. P. Lammett, J. H. Seth (shareholders) and C. Gerken (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit on trading for the year 1921 amounts to \$64,171.11 and, including interest and dividends on investments and the carry forward from last year, there is an amount available for allocation of \$77,730.49. Water supplied during the year amounted to slightly over 500,000 tons, which is a record for the Company. It has proved difficult at times to cope with the demand and your General Managers, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, have felt justified in placing an order for a new vessel which I trust will be in commission during the latter half of the present year. When I last had the pleasure of addressing you I pointed out the necessity of thoroughly overhauling and reconditioning the older vessels of the fleet. During the past year I am glad to say we have been able to effect such repairs on two of the boats. The cost has been met out of the Special Repairs Fund. The Company's Superintendent advises that there are still three further boats which may require similar reconditioning and it is for this reason that your General Managers recommend the transfer of \$20,000 to Special Repairs Account, which at present only stands at \$5,483.53. A letter was recently received from a shareholder in which he surmised that this Special Repairs Account was to be utilised for the purpose of new constructions. This is not so. The cost of any new Waterboat is treated as Capital expenditure, as you will see by a reference to past accounts. The increase in the demand for water has not been correspondingly reflected in the net earnings of the Company, more particularly as regards the last six months of the year. This is due to a general increase in the cost of operation and in the cost of water to the Company. [In this connection I would explain that on the 30th June last the Company received a notification from the Government that, as from the following day, the 1st July, the cost of water supplied to the Company at Lai-chi-kok would be doubled. Needless to say your General Managers made every endeavour, in writing and by personal interview, to obtain some reconsideration by the Authorities of their decision. We were granted a very sympathetic hearing but were unable to obtain any material or immediate relief in the matter. It appears that certain heavy expenses have been incurred over the extensive improvements to waterworks that are being undertaken which necessitated the step by the Government. By way of compensation we are hoping that the Water Authority will shortly be in a position to give us a better pressure at our Lai-chi-kok supply, as this will effect a considerable saving in time to our customers, and enable us to give quicker service to our clients. Further, we have hitherto had the benefit of a small and intermittent supply at North Point, but this will shortly have to be abandoned owing to the extensive road and building construction

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI NEWS.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S DEATH.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, February 16.

At the British Police Court yesterday an inquest was held into the sudden death at the Palace Hotel of Edward Rowden, a consulting engineer.

Dr. Gauntlett testified to the absence of external violence. Magistrate King's verdict was that death was due to heart failure caused by disease.

B. A. T. CO.'S CLAIM.

Further evidence was heard yesterday at the Supreme Court regarding the collision between the steamer "Hobbs" and a river barge laden with cigarettes for the B. A. T. Co. The case was adjourned.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

Subject to audit, the Profit on Working Account for the year ending 31st December, 1921, amounted to \$438,692.83, as compared with \$367,640.71 for the similar period of 1920.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, including the sum of \$41,800.56 brought forward from the previous year, and after allowing for Debit and Overdraft Interest, Bad and Doubtful Debts, etc., and setting aside \$87,511.72 for depreciation, amounted to \$386,527.43. After deducting the Interim Dividend amounting to \$120,000 paid on November 12, 1921, the sum of \$266,527.43 remains, which the Directors will recommend be apportioned as follows:—To pay a final dividend of 60 cents per share on 208,000 shares.....\$ 124,800.00 To pay a bonus of 30 cents per share on 208,000 shares..... 62,400.00 To transfer to General Reserve..... 30,829.08 To carry forward to new account..... 48,498.35 Total.....\$ 266,527.43

The Land and Building Reserve will amount to \$1,480,000, and the General Reserve (including above appropriation) \$250,000.

tion that is being carried out in the vicinity. We are hoping to be able to arrange before long for an alternative supply. Now, Gentlemen, your General Managers are very averse, at the very first suggestion of increased costs, to making any substantial increase in the charge for water supplied to constituents. An undertaking such as this has a double duty to perform towards its shareholders and towards its customers. The satisfaction of the former is in a measure dependent on the satisfaction of the latter. We desire, above all, to give good service. As a local Company, we are also jealous of the good name the port of Hongkong has always enjoyed as a cheap port, attracting trade and custom in which might otherwise be diverted to other ports, and we want to do what we can to help uphold this reputation. During the war, whilst labouring under many difficulties and in spite of reduced earnings, we refrained from increasing our prices, and at the present time I would like to be able to assure our customers, with your approval, that their interests have our consideration along with our own. I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as circulated be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions arising out of the Report and Accounts which shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded. Mr. J. H. Seth proposed an amendment to the resolution, suggesting a dividend of \$1.25 per share plus a bonus of 50 cents.

Mr. F. Ellis seconded. The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Seth was out of order in proposing the amendment, as under Article 91, subsection 10, of Association, the Consulting Committee was entitled to make reservations before declaring a dividend.

Mr. Seth withdrew his amendment. The resolution for the adoption of the report and accounts was then put to the meeting and carried. Mr. Seth and Mr. Ellis dissented.

The re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown as auditor for the ensuing year, was carried on this proposal of Mr. Munton, seconded by Mr. Greenhill. The Chairman: That is all the business, Gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend Warrants are now ready and shareholders are reminded that it is necessary to make personal application for them.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT'S COMPROMISE.

NO NEWS YET FROM CANTON.

The Government's offer to cancel the proclamation outlawing the Seamen's Union if the strikers return to work at the rates, pending arbitration, set out in the scale of increases offered by the employers has produced a general feeling in business circles that the dispute is practically over. It seems a capital solution of the knotty problem about the change of name and the disappointment will be keen if the men do not accept it as a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties which have hitherto blocked the path of progress towards negotiation.

The decision of the Government was arrived at an executive council meeting held late on Tuesday night and was promulgated yesterday in an official notification issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax) who has kindly furnished us with the following translation of it:

"On instructions from the Government the Secretary for Chinese Affairs has communicated the following decision to the seamen's representatives:

1. The Seamen's Union was closed because it exceeded its legitimate bounds and broke the law of Hongkong, not because it asked for an increase of wages.

2. The Government absolutely requires proof of freedom from unlawfulness before it can change its present attitude.

3. If it is desired to give proof of freedom from unlawfulness, all seamen and all workmen whom they involved in the strike must return to work and Hongkong resume its normal condition, before it can be considered that proof of freedom from unlawfulness has been furnished.

4. If all come back to work first on the conditions offered by the ship-owners (of which a copy is appended) and await the award of the arbitrators, the Governor will cancel the proclamation closing the Union.

"At the suggestion of the Governor, the ship-owners are willing to reinstate their former offer of increased wages to take effect from the day on which the seamen return to work. This scale of wages is merely a temporary scale pending arbitration and is on no account to be taken as basis from which the arbitrators will work. Addition to it or subtraction from it are alike within the sole discretion of the arbitrators. The scale offered is repeated below:

Chinese River Steamers 25 percent.

Other Chinese Steamers up to 1,000 T. 25 percent.

Tons 1,000 to 2,000 25 percent.

Canton, Hongkong and Macao Steam-boat Co. steamers 15 percent.

Other British Companies River Steamers, taking the scale of Canton, Hongkong and Macao Steam-boat Co. as base 15 percent.

Coasting steamers 12 percent.

Java Lines 7 1/2 percent.

Pacific Lines 7 1/2 percent.

European Lines 7 1/2 percent.

Australian Lines 10 percent.

To-day the general opinion held by those, including the S.C.A., most closely in touch with the question, was that it is improbable that any definite news as to how the strikers at Canton view the Government's offer will reach here before to-morrow. The seamen's delegates, who were called away from a meeting at the Tung Wah hospital yesterday afternoon to receive the news at the S.C.A.'s office, left for Canton by the afternoon's train and, of course, would not have reached there until fairly late last night. It would take them some time to round up the strikers for a general meeting and it is considered improbable that they would be able to get back to Hongkong again by to-night.

In the meantime four delegates from the Canton Chamber of Commerce have come down to Hongkong with the idea, it is understood, of discussing the fool situation as it affects Canton. They will confer with representatives of the Chinese Chamber and other bodies at a meeting to be held at the Tung Wah Hospital this evening.

Every day sees the harbour congestion easing up a little. To-day the number of ships in port has been reduced to 150, amongst the departures being the Jardine boats, the "Tak Sang," "Kwai Sang" and "Hop Sang," the B. and S. steamer "Kwang-chow," the "Empress of Japan" and the "Mougeau." The arrival of the J.C.M.L. steamer "Tikondari" with

OUR FINANCES.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY VOTES.

GAP ROCK WIRELESS.

At this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting the following financial minutes were recommended by H.E. the Governor:

\$600 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, repairs to railway embankment.

\$100 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, produce shelter, Tai Po Market.

\$15,000 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, Loco Yard at Lowu.

\$118 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, locomotives.

\$158,949 in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary. Hongkong, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (41) compensation and resignations.

\$191 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, fire hose, &c.

\$1,028 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, motion plates and cylinders for locos 3 and 4.

\$1,700 on account of Public Works, extraordinary. Kowloon, erection of temporary sick-shed shelter with latrines in Kowloon.

\$6,500 on account of Public Works, extraordinary. Kowloon, arrangement of Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 629, 630, 631 and 1111.

\$1,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary. Hongkong, miscellaneous erection of wireless installation at Gap Rock.

PRINCE'S PAVILION.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang submitted three questions relating to the Prince's Pavilion. They are reprinted below together with their respective answers:

Will the Government state:

(1.) What, if any, use is to be made of the building, now under erection, on "the Finest Site" after the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales?

No decision has been come to.

(2.) What, if any, precautions are being taken to cope with an outbreak of fire during the erection of such building?

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade has placed fire appliances on the premises and he has the fire-float in close proximity.

(3.) Whether the risk of fire, and that of damage by typhoon, has been covered by insurance?

The risk of fire, but not that of typhoon, is covered by insurance.

25 CENTS FINE.

AGED HAWKER'S OFFENCE.

An elderly Chinese was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with having hawked vegetables in Yaumati.

Denying the charge, the defendant said he was a beggar. He had picked up the vegetables at the market. "They were rotten vegetables," he said. "No one would eat them as they are only fit for feeding fowls. I am a poor man, and took them for food."

An Indian constable said that he saw the defendant, who had a large quantity of vegetables, sell a cent's worth.

Inspector Browne said the defendant had 60 cents in coppers on him. The Magistrate imposed a fine of 25 cents and cautioned the defendant not to hawk again.

"BLIND" BEGGAR.

RUNS "LIKE A DEER" WHEN POLICE APPROACH.

An elderly Chinese was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with having begged or alms in the central district yesterday afternoon. Sub-Inspector Marks said that the defendant was not blind and "ran like a deer" when he saw him coming. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

284 Asiatic sailors and firemen aboard will make it possible for two or three Dutch boats to get away within the next day or two.

ARBITRATION BOARD.

AN UNAUTHORISED REPORT.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax) informs the "China Mail" that there is no authority for the report that the Civil Justice would act as Chairman of the proposed arbitration board.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

Bills to provide for police supervision of certain persons, to amend further the Opium and the Volunteer Ordinance, to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, and certain provisions of peace treaty orders were considered at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The second reading of the bill to restrict the taking of legal proceedings in respect of certain acts and matters done during the war and to provide in cases remedies in substitution therefor, and the second reading of the Bill to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1921, were not proceeded with at this meeting.

ATTENDANCE.

Those present were:— His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G. H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General Sir J. S. Fowler, K.C.B., D.S.O.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., L.L.D. The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.

The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, O.B.E.

The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving. The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak.

The Hon. Mr. Chou Shou-sun. The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E., Clerk of Councils.

PAPERS TABLED.

The Colonial Secretary tabled the following documents:—

Financial minutes, report of the Finance Committee, amendment of the Importation and Inspection of Animals By-laws, amendment of the Maintenance of Order in Depots By-laws, amendment of the Maintenance of Order in Slaughter-houses By-laws and amendment of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws, all of which have already been published in the Government Gazette.

The Colonial Secretary also tabled the quarterly return of excesses on subheads met by savings under heads of expenditure; the regulation forbidding the removal of dogs from Hongkong, Kowloon and New Kowloon; the new prison rule giving the superintendent authority to have juvenile offenders whipped; the Post Office order revising certain parcel postage rates; the regulation prohibiting unauthorised use of searchlights; the new Stamp Ordinance regulations; a new Company Ordinance; the proclamations outlawing the Chinese Seamen's Union, the Chap Yin Kung Wui, the Lo Tung Tung Tak Kung Wui, and the Li Fo Yuen Kung Wui; and the order prohibiting the export of coal, rice, and flour from the Colony. These also have already been published in the Government Gazette.

OPIUM ORDINANCE.

WHAT IS A DIVAN?

The Attorney-General moved the first reading to amend further the Opium Ordinance, 1914, the objects and reasons of which stated:—

Clause 2 adds a new sub-section to section 30 of the principal Ordinance to the effect that no person shall smoke opium in an opium divan. At present this is not definitely specified as an offence in the Ordinance, and persons found smoking in divans are charged under section 30 with using an opium divan. It is perhaps open to doubt whether the use of this section for this purpose is correct, since the rest of the section is applicable only to opium divan keepers.

The offence of smoking in a divan was contemplated by the framers of the Ordinance seems clear from the present section 31, and it is therefore considered advisable definitely to prohibit such smoking.

Clause 3 of the bill authorises additional presumptions in the principal Ordinance. In the majority of prosecutions for keeping opium divans it is necessary to prove an actual sale of opium, and the difficulty of proving this makes it almost impossible to bring home the offence. The first part of clause 3 therefore authorises the presumptions that, where two or more persons are found smoking opium in any place, themselves not being residents there, (a) the place is an opium divan and (b) the tenant or occupier is keeping an opium divan there, provided that the tenant or occupier or one of his relatives is present at the time. The second part of clause 3 merely re-enacts the existing section 31 of the Ordinance.

SIR HENRY MAY'S DEATH.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S REGRET.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, H.E. the Governor moved the following resolution:

"The Legislative Council of Hongkong have received with profound regret the news of the death of Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G., LL.D., formerly Governor of Hongkong and for many years a member of the Council. In expressing the deep sympathy with Lady May and her daughters in their bereavement, the members of the Council desire to place on record their sense of the very valuable services rendered to Hongkong by Sir Henry May during his long and distinguished career in the Colony."

His Excellency said that he himself had not had the pleasure of serving with Sir Henry May at any time but he had known him for more than twenty years and he was sure that everybody that knew him had the highest respect and regard for his character. He thought there was little that he could say with regard to his career in this Colony which had not already been said by the Colonial Secretary some two years ago on the occasion of the announcement of Sir Henry May's resignation. His long career in this Colony covered a great period of development in all directions and in that development Sir Henry May himself played a very great part. His life was bound up in the Colony and the Colony in many ways would remember it and its development would stand as a memorial to Sir Henry May.

It was possible for anybody who knew Sir Henry May to differ from his opinions on many subjects, but he was quite sure that it would not be possible for anybody to have the slightest doubt that the opinions which he expressed were those which he honestly held and were formed in what he believed to be the best interests of the Colony to which his life was devoted.

His Excellency remarked that he had noticed one omission in the accounts of Sir Henry May's life which had appeared in the Press here. Early in the year 1901 Sir Henry May was offered the post of Lieutenant Governor of Ceylon, a post which had always been regarded as one of the prizes of the Civil Service as almost certain to lead to a governorship. Just at that time Sir Mathew Nathan met with an unfortunate accident and Sir Henry May's first act was to report to the Secretary of State that he felt his services were needed in the Colony and that he desired to withdraw his acceptance of the post in Ceylon. Thereby he subordinated, as he had always done, his own interests to the interests of the Colony.

On behalf of the unofficial members, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock said they desired to associate themselves with the words that had just fallen from His Excellency. They paid tribute to the memory of Sir Henry May as being a hard-working and conscientious official who sacrificed not only his health and strength but even his life to the public service.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak said that the Chinese community desired to associate themselves with the sentiments expressed by His Excellency and the senior Unofficial Member. The news of Sir Henry May's death was received by the Chinese here with genuine sorrow because although they did not at all times see eye to eye with him in some of his public policies they had learned to entertain for him the highest regard and respect. Sir Henry May never spared himself and since his retirement the results of some of his work had become more apparent and time only increased their appreciation now that he had gone. His death was mourned by the Chinese community and it was in their name that he now respectfully supported this resolution of sympathy.

The resolution was then carried, all the members of the Council standing.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, February 16, 1922.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY, 20th, TUESDAY, 21st, WEDNESDAY, 22nd and SATURDAY, 25th inst.

By Order of the Committee.

P. TESTER, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 16, 1922.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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27.—B. F.	Agapenor
Mar. 1.—B. F.	Ningebow
8.—B. F.	Alex
13.—P. & O.	Sellia
14.—B. F.	Kabinga
Apr. 10.—B. F.	Archives
13.—B. F.	Maehoon.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 19.—R. I.	Janus
21.—N. Y. K.	Ginyo Maru
21.—R. F.	Perthus
24.—T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru
24.—P. & O.	Kashgar
Mar. 3.—B. I.	T.inda
4.—P. & O.	Eastern
13.—P. & O.	Khiva
13.—R. F.	Glancus
19.—B. F.	Telmachus
20.—R. F.	Mentor
20.—R. I.	Takida
28.—P. & O.	Devanha
Apr. 1.—B. F.	Knight Templar
11.—P. & O.	Savara
17.—B. F.	Rhesus
19.—R. F.	Atchabus
24.—B. F.	Tetrasias
2.—P. & O.	Kalyan
May 9.—P. & O.	Plavus
23.—P. & O.	Tongola

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Feb. 17.—B. F.	Ixon
Mar. 10.—B. F.	T.ithybia
31.—R. F.	Tendares
Apr. 16.—B. F.	Protasius
June 8.—B. F.	T.ithybia

FROM SINGAPORE.

Feb. 19.—R. I.	Eurus
17.—P. & O.	Danga

FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb. 25.—B. I.	T.ada
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Feb. 27.—P. & O.	Sicilia
Mar. 1.—P. & O.	Sicilia
June 6.—P. & O.	Fondan

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Feb. 22.—B. F.	T.ithybia
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Feb. 24.—S. & B.	West Chopika
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11.—P. & O.	Novara
16.—N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru
17.—G. L.	Glentara
25.—P. & O.	Kalyan
Apr. 8.—P. & O.	Plavus
24.—P. & O.	Devanha
May 6.—P. & O.	K.isher
29.—P. & O.	K.isher
June 3.—P. & O.	K.isher
17.—P. & O.	K.isher
July 1.—P. & O.	K.isher

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Feb. 21.—B. F.	Ajax
28.—B. F.	Pelous
Mar. 4.—B. F.	Mentor
14.—B. F.	Rhesus
14.—B. F.	Atchabus
17.—B. F.	Troilus
22.—B. F.	Tetrasias
Apr. 3.—B. F.	Bellerophon
10.—B. F.	Laomedon
16.—B. F.	Agamemnon

FROM COPENHAGEN.

Feb. 25.—E. A.	Tongking
Mar. 4.—E. A.	Malaya

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

Owing to the strike conditions, the date of the sailing of the "China" had to be cancelled. The next sailing will depend upon the time that the men will return to their duties.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Tenyo Maru" was despatched from this port at noon on Saturday for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dongola" arrived London on Feb. 12.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kitano Maru" (European Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Feb. 7. It is expected here on Feb. 10 and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dunera" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. and is due here on Feb. 17 at 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Ixion" (Blue Funnel Line) left Manila on Feb. 16 for Hongkong and is due here on Feb. 17.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Ginyo Maru" sailed from Moji on Feb. 15 and is due at Hongkong Feb. 20 at daylight.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" is expected to leave Singapore on Feb. 21.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 14 (8.30 a.m.) and left there Feb. 14 (4 p.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Feb. 23 (4 p.m.).

The T.K.K. s.s. "Shinyo Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 10 and sailed on Feb. 13 via Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, being due at Hongkong Feb. 20.

The P. & O. s.s. "Novara" left London on Feb. 3 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about March 11.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Shidzuka Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Huls on Feb. 4 and is expected here on March 16.

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"SICILIA"	5,700	14th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	5,917	15th Mar.	MARSHALLS, LONDON & A'warp.
"DEVANHA"	5,902	29th Mar.	do.
"NOVARA"	5,950	12th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	5,947	26th Apr.	do.
"PIASSY"	7,346	10th May	do.
"SICILIA"	5,700	13th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"DONGOLA"	5,400	24th May	MARSHALLS, LONDON & A'warp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"JANUS"	5,000	21st Feb.	Singapore, Penang, P'ngoon (with transshipment at Singa- pore) and Calcutta.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"EASTERN"	4,000	6th Mar.	Manila, Thursday Island Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"DUNERA"	5,400	17th Feb. at 11 a.m.	Shanghai.
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STEAMERS.	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG.
KOREA MARU	22,000	Feb. 24th.
SHINYO MARU	22,000	Mar. 8th.
PERSEA MARU	22,000	Mar. 31st.
TAIYO MARU	22,000	Apr. 4th.
FIBERIA MARU	22,000	Apr. 28th.
TENYO MARU	22,000	May 1st.

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STEAMERS.	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG.
GINYO MARU	16,000	Mar. 1st.
ANYO MARU	16,000	Mar. 31st.
FEIYO MARU	16,000	May 13th.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From CALCUTTA and RANGOON
via STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR
HONGKONG PER
S. S. "CALCUTTA MARU."

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Japan and possibly landed at Kobe. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Arrived 13th inst. from BOMBAY.

S. S. "AWA MARU"

CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that Cargo is being discharged into The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's (Ltd.) Godowns at their risk.

Storage will be assessed on Cargo remaining undelivered on and after February 20th 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will also be landed into the Kowloon Godowns, and date of examination will be advised later.

No claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Godowns, and none will be entertained if presented later than 10 days from February 13th 1922.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE VIA STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo for Hongkong per S. S. "TOTTORI MARU" are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf coolies, Cargo for Hongkong will be over-carried and landed at Shanghai and or at Kobe. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The Cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From PUGET SOUND via JAPAN and SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR HONGKONG PER S. S. "KATORI MARU"

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be landed at Shanghai and Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be brought back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From CALCUTTA and RANGOON via STRAITS.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Due 16th inst. from AUSTRALIA.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR HONGKONG PER S. S. "TANGO MARU."

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Japan and landed there. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From CALCUTTA and RANGOON via STRAITS.

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Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Japan and landed there. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Consignees of cargo landed into this Company's godowns during the present unsettled state of affairs are hereby notified that all cargo remaining in godown after expiry of the free storage period will be subject to all extraordinary expenses incurred in connection therewith.

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 15, 1922.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

The Motorship "HAVELLAND."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed, at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery can be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 20th February, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All Claims must reach us by the 22nd February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD BROTHERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1922.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

S. S. "BENVORLICH"

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per the above-mentioned steamer are hereby notified that, owing to the existing strike conditions at the port, all cargo destined to Hongkong is being landed at Singapore and will be forwarded on as soon as conditions here permit.

Consignees are accordingly recommended to make the necessary arrangements as regards Insurance etc.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1922.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

S. S. "BENMOHR"

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per the above-mentioned steamer are hereby notified that owing to the existing strike conditions cargo for Hongkong is being carried on to Shanghai where it will be landed and whence it will be returned to Hongkong when conditions at this port permit.

Consignees are accordingly recommended to make the necessary arrangements as regards Insurance etc.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES of cargo for Hongkong per a.s. "AGAPENOR" are hereby notified that owing to the present state of affairs in Hongkong due to strike of seamen, etc. cargo for Hongkong will be landed at Shanghai and consignees are recommended to make necessary arrangements as to insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be brought back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

BITTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1922.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON.

Consignees of Cargo landed at Holt's Wharf during the present unsettled state of affairs are hereby notified that any extraordinary expenses incurred in the handling of cargo will be for their account.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1922.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Memorial service for the late Sir Henry May K.C.M.G. will be held to-day at St. John's Cathedral at 5 p.m.

The pantry boy of the a.s. "Luichow" committed suicide yesterday morning by jumping overboard.

For snatching a felt hat in Nelson Street, Yimnati, last night, a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Wood to three months' jail.

Working at the Kowloon wharf yesterday afternoon a sloop was knocked over by a moving crane. He received injuries requiring hospital attention.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 28 amounted to 2,468 tons and the sales during the period, to 53,096 tons.

The oldest foreign resident of Nagasaki, Mr. V. L. Pignatelli, a French citizen, passed away on January 31, after about a week's illness. The deceased was 76 years of age.

The children's entertainment arranged for St. John's Cathedral Hall to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. has been transferred to the Peak Club where it will be held at the same hour.

The latest census of Canton City, taken by the Police Department returns the number of inhabitants as 1,305,600, of which 904,200 are men, 361,000 women, and 100,400 children.

While a comrade employed by an Ice House Street broker's firm was absent his private room was entered. A box was broken open and eight pieces of clothing worth \$370 were stolen.

A Chinese woman living at No. 24, Queen's Road Central had \$221 worth of jewellery, clothing and money stolen from her cubicle last night. She did not discover her loss until the morning.

An advertisement in this issue invites immediate applications for the post of part time lecturer in materials of commerce in the faculty of arts (economic minerals, textiles and foodstuffs) at the Hongkong University.

The death, at sea, on January 19, of Mr. M. K. Kempton, of Shanghai, is announced. Mr. Kempton, who was formerly manager of the Shanghai branch of Messrs. Kempton and Co. had been on home leave and died when that vessel was four days out of port.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday next week. Messrs. A. S. Watson will close the same days at 1 p.m., and the Hongkong Dispensary will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease was the heaviest for one day noticed for some time. There were two deaths from small pox and one from plague, all Chinese. One case of diphtheria and another of plague, both Chinese, were reported, also one of enteric fever, Indian.

The Kowloon Theatre's special fancy dress dance was the success of good music and excellent floor decorated. The threatening weather despite, there was a big attendance of dancers, the greater number in fancy dresses notable for their taste or novelty—one lady was a giggy, another a bat; one man a soldier, another "The Peninsula Hotel." Indeed the judges, recruited from these present not in fancy costume, had to exercise considerable discrimination, so great was the variety and so keen the rivalry. Altogether a most enjoyable evening passed with the speed that pleasure lends.

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KITANO MARU ... Friday, 24th Feb. at 11 a.m.

HARUNA MARU ... Friday, 24th Feb. at 11 a.m.

JAMBURG via LONDON, HULL & ROTTERDAM. ... Saturday, 18th February.

MATSUMOTO MARU ... Saturday, 18th February.

LIVERPOOL via MARSHALLS. ... Monday, 19th March.

TAJIMA MARU ... Monday, 19th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila &c. ... Tuesday, 21st Mar. at 11 a.m.

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HONGKONG CHILD "SLAVERY."

COMMONS CAMPAIGN CONTINUED.

RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION SOUGHT.

LONDON, February 15.

Several members were zealously campaigning at question-time in the House of Commons yesterday and to-day regarding the sale of children in Hongkong.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary for Colonies, said that when opportunity offered he would be very glad to ascertain the general sense of the House on the matter but he was anxious they should know what the case was for and not go violently overturning a custom which was universal in China. He thought it sounded most objectionable in principle but he believed in practice it was not.

Meanwhile a conference under the auspices of the anti-Slavery Society at which a score of societies were represented, presided over by Viscountess Gladstone, passed a resolution declaring the *mui tsai* system subject to abuses in Hongkong and urging the Colonial Office to appoint a responsible commission of men and women to visit Hongkong and confer with Chinese and Europeans and devise a practical scheme for preventing the buying and selling and enslavement of human beings and other abuses arising therefrom.

Speakers, including former Under-Secretary for India, Mr. Charles Roberts and commander Hazelwood, strongly protested against continuance of the system under the British flag as a disgrace and a scandal.

Other speakers while demanding redress of abuses pointed out that the system of adoption was an inherent part of the religion of China. One speaker declared that she had more admiration for educated Chinese women than any she had met in any other part of the world and believed they would be the strongest factor in abolishing the evil.

INDIAN FERMENT BLAME.

MONTAGU'S RESIGNATION SOUGHT.

LONDON, February 15.

The newspapers severely criticise the Imperial and Indian Governments for the pass to which they have allowed the situation in India to come.

The cancellation of the decision to arrest Gandhi is strongly commented upon. The *Times* urges the replacement of Mr. Montagu by a statesman of stronger fibre.

NATIONALIST LEADER Jailed.

BOMBAY, February 15.

The Nationalist leader C. R. Das has been sentenced to six months' jail.

LAW OF THE YUKON.

ROBERT W. SERVICE POEM
FILMED.

Based on the famous poem of the same name by Robert W. Service, "The Law of the Yukon" comes to the Kowloon Theatre this evening one of the big pictures in the new series Hongkong Amusements Ltd. have secured. A man from the "outside" trying to live down the disgrace his wife left him when she eloped with another man is the central figure in a drama enacted in a lawless gold mining town where he edits a newspaper. Starting with a fight in a dance hall in the course of which he is stabbed in the back his adventures take him into many perilous places in the rough town itself and in the great snow wastes of the Yukon. Those who know the poem will rejoice at the skilful manner in which it has been filmed; those who don't will enjoy the suspense the story offers the more. It is sufficient to add, therefore, that the acting and screening are both worthy of the great theme. The scenery is splendid.

BUDDHA'S MEDIUM.

BUDAPEST GIRL'S CLAIM TO
RECEIVE MESSAGES.

Spiritualism, which counted only a few followers a few years ago, has developed into an extensive cult in Budapest. The number of believers is growing, and hardly an evening passes without a seance being held. Hand in hand with this development goes an interest in Eastern religions, especially Buddhism.

A medium, a girl of one of the best Budapest families, has recently been discovered through whose lips, it is claimed, the great Buddha himself enunciates wisdom to the awestruck audience in the half lit room. Buddha's statements in Budapest are generally admonitions to humanity to believe in the ultimate happiness and perfection of mankind.

DON'T RISK PNEUMONIA.

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THE TURE.

THIS MORNING'S TRAINING
TIMES.

The following times were taken this morning. They are given in minutes, seconds and fifths of seconds, for each quarter mile of the distance covered by the ponies:—

1 MILE.
Bolshevik, 35, 1.08, last quarter, 33.
Fighting King, 34.1, 1.05.3, last quarter, 31.2.
Ace Pot and Ashes, 33, 1.06, last quarter, 33.
Robbie Doo and Kangaroo, 32, 1.05.2, last quarter, 32.3.
Whistling Rufus and Muzz, 37, 1.12.2, last quarter, 35.2.
Lantao Chief, 34.4, 1.09, last quarter, 34.1.
Fishshop, 36, 1.09.2, last quarter, 33.2.
Cutty Sark King, 34.1, 1.05.2, last quarter, 31.1.
Kilmacolin and Killiecrankie, 34, 1.08, last quarter, 34.
Manhattan, 34, 1.05.1, last quarter, 31.1.
Neston and Wallaby, 33.2, 1.07, last quarter, 33.3.
Kilmarnock and Kilwinning, 37.2, 1.10.2, last quarter, 33.
Lucky Star, 36, 1.12, last quarter, 36.

1 MILE.
Kinshan and West River, 35, 1.09.3, 1.44, last quarter 34.2.
Pull Devil Pull Baker, 33, 1.04, 1.39, last quarter, 35.
Cassia River and Gabrieljunks, 35.3, 1.09.2, 1.42.2, last quarter, 33.
Wildfire Dahlia and Jewel Dahlia, 36, 1.13.1, 1.51.3, last quarter, 38.2.
Aloha, 39, 1.13, 1.48, last quarter, 35.
The Mite, 39, 1.18, 1.54, last quarter, 36.
Speckled Mouse, 36.4, 1.11.2, 1.43.3, last quarter, 32.1.
Pogo, 38, 1.13, 1.47.1, last quarter, 34.1.
Hurry Up, 35.4, 1.10.1, 1.43.2, last quarter, 33.1.
Hongkong Chief, 36, 1.11.2, 1.44, last quarter, 32.3.
Martial Dahlia, 35, 1.12, 1.46.1, last quarter, 34.1.
Rice Bird and Day Bird, 41, 1.15.5, 1.49.4, last quarter, 34.1.
Mosaic Tile, 36.3, 1.11.2, 1.43.2, last quarter, 32.

1 MILE.
Mullum in Parvo, 34, 1.06.3, 1.42.2, 2.15, last quarter 32.3.
1 1/2 MILES.
Toyshop, 38, 1.13, 1.49, 2.25.2, 2.59, last quarter, 33.3.
Flying Mouse, 39.4, 1.14, 1.51, 2.27, 3.00.2, last quarter, 33.2.

SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****2ND DIVISION TABLE.**

The 2nd Division League table up to and including 11th Feb. 1922, is as follows:—

Clubs	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
University	14	11	3	0	47	15	22
Kings	15	10	3	2	37	17	22
R.G.A. Res.	15	8	4	3	33	22	19
S.C.A.A.	14	7	2	5	25	15	19
"Curlew"	11	8	2	1	39	17	17
S.C.A.B.	14	6	7	1	17	38	13
U.A.C.	14	4	6	4	29	25	12
St. Josephs	11	4	5	2	17	23	10
H.K. Club Res.	13	2	9	2	10	26	6
Kowloon	13	1	9	3	11	26	5
Panjabis	14	1	12	1	11	52	3

CRICKET.**K.C.C. v. NAVY.**

The following have been selected to play again at the Navy on Saturday, on K. C. C. ground at 2.15 p.m.—A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, H. Overy, F. E. Lawrence, F. Evelyn, R. E. Lindell, C. Russell, E. W. Alderson, F. G. Herring, E. F. Spinks and L. J. Blackburn.

CORRESPONDENCE.**"BIG COLONY."**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—May I also "butt in" on the big colony discussion? While realising that obviously no offence to Australians was intended in your remarks re shakies, there is much of truth in what "Australian" says and one can quite appreciate his viewpoint. There can be no doubt that the average Australian has a keen sense of humour even though the joke may be on him, but that which is no doubt ranking in the mind of "Australian" is the sarcasm which often underlies the joke. Australia has imprinted her loyalty on the pages of history in the blood of her sons and the suffering of her daughters and it was mainly because of that same loyalty that Australia hastened to the defence of the Motherland, for we were many thousands of miles from the actual conflict. Taking this into consideration there is a decided feeling of annoyance when some supercilious English "gentleman," in a "hand me down a star" manner, remarks, "Haw, from the Colonies I s—" and finally passes some inane remark about convicts or shakies. This, Sir, is what hurts the man from the land of wattle blossom and sunshine. Unfortunately the Australian is over ready to resent even a fancied insult and it therefore behoves both Englishmen and Australians to remember that we are all citizens of the one Empire and that neither England or Australia is the whole. Let us then all try to correct our faults and so cement the bonds of brotherhood which have already been so nobly established, for who can say but that the day may not be again depending on the other for that assistance which let us trust will be forthcoming. I trust, Sir, that I have been rather trenchant, that as an Australian of the fourth generation and as one who has also served the Empire, both Englishmen and Australians will be indulgent towards "ANOTHER AUSSIE."

Hongkong, February 15.

MERCANTILE MARINE MASTERS AND OFFICERS' RELIEF FUND.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The following leader appeared in the London *Daily Mail* on November 12 last. It speaks for itself, and I therefore quote it as it stands.

A fund to deal with the matter is in existence at Home entitled "The Mercantile Marine Masters and Officers' Relief Fund" with its Central Committee at 28, St. Mary Axe, London. This fund deals with cases both deck and engineer officers. "Through no fault of their own over 2,000 Masters and Officers of the Merchant Service are now out of employment. All of them rendered to the country during the war services for which no gratitude could be too great, yet many of them have been out of work for from one to two years, their savings are exhausted, and their state is pitiable in the extreme.

"They are typical members of the class which has suffered most and complained least under the conditions following on the war. It is a class to which no doles come to mitigate the wretchedness of penury. Those who compose it are eager for work but there is no work for them, and the vast majority are too self respecting to appeal for charity. Between merciless taxation and lack of employment this class the most valuable in the nation, is being crushed out of existence. It is a tragedy of which very little is heard, but it is not the less poignant because it is endured in silence.

The case of the 2,000 highly trained men, condemned to almost hopeless poverty, despite all they have done

CHINA COAST.**LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.**

Captain J. A. Campbell, of the "Tatung," has gone master, "Tungting." Captain E. L. Jones, of the "Tungting," is on reserve.
Captain J. Meathrel, of the "Sunning," has gone master, "Tatung." Captain H. A. Wavell, from leave, has gone master, "Sunning."
Mr. C. B. Adkins, chief officer, "Ichang," has gone chief officer, "Yunnan." Mr. J. Taylor, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Ichang."
Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer, "Ngankin," is on reserve. Mr. W. Noon, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Ngankin."
Mr. H. Appleton, chief officer, "Whangpu," is on leave. Mr. J. M. Hopkins, chief officer, "Yunnan," has gone chief officer, "Whangpu."
Mr. R. Carruthers, third engineer, "Yunnan," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Ryles, third engineer, "Wenchow," has gone third engineer, "Yunnan."
Mr. Hill, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Cheongshing." Captain S. Polkinghorn, from leave, has gone master, "Tuckwo." Captain J. M. Wright, of the "Tuckwo," is on reserve.
Captain J. M. Smith, of the "Suwo," is deceased.
Mr. E. B. Everett, chief officer, "Suwo," has gone acting master, same ship.
Mr. A. R. Smith, second officer, "Suwo," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.
Mr. J. W. Best has been appointed second officer, "Suwo."
Mr. J. Henderson, third engineer, "Cheongshing," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Wingsang."
Mr. J. M. Farquhar, chief officer, "Kiangyu," has gone chief officer, "Heinling."
Mr. C. Hendriksen, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Kiangyu."
Mr. S. M. Copp has been appointed second officer, "Yushun."
Mr. E. Helms, third engineer, "Kiangten," has gone third engineer, "Hsinchi."
Mr. W. J. E. Barkus, sup'y second officer, "Kaiping," has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. J. W. McNaught, chief engineer, "Patriot," is on leave.
Mr. C. Wells has been appointed chief engineer, "Patriot."
Mr. A. R. Stanley-Smith, second officer, "Kaiping," has resigned.
Mr. J. M. Morra has been appointed second officer, "Kaiping."

and borne, ought to awaken the public to a knowledge of the disastrous process which is now going on.

The Relief Fund has already expended nearly £17,000 in assisting over 1,000 individual cases. Of late its funds have been on the point of running out, and its efforts have been sadly crippled for want of money. It is administered entirely irrespective of membership of the different societies, and the cost of its administration is nil. It has been suggested that officers of the British Merchant Service coming to Hongkong, and also their many friends resident in the colony, might like to assist the above fund. The following gentlemen have signified their willingness to receive contributions, and subscription lists will be opened in their respective offices.

The Secretary, the China Coast Officers' Guild.
The Secretary, the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.
The Secretary, the Marine Engineers' Guild of China.
The Secretary, the Phoenix Club.
The Chaplain, the Seamen's Institute.

Yours, etc.,

G. T. WALDEGRAVE.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1922.

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BOTTLE MESSAGE LEADS TO
SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS.

Pathetic messages found in a bottle off the Orkneys, written in English, Greek, and Spanish by members of the crew of the American steamer "Frederick," have been made the basis of a remarkable suit for £160,000 against Charles W. Morse, the New York financier and former head of the United States Shipping Board. Morse has been arrested, and is to be tried for alleged irregularities in contracts made during the war for the U.S. Shipping Board. With his son Harry and other members of the Continental Trading Co. and of the Frederick Steamship Co., Morse is made defendant in eight actions for £20,000 each by relatives of the crew of the "Frederick," which went down on Jan. 27, 1916. These suits are now coming before the Supreme Court on a motion for an order

authorising examination for the defendant before trial.

The filing of this motion has revealed the whole story of the "Frederick," which, it is alleged, was an old vessel when the Moroses bought her. One captain who was commissioned to sail her to the command, and the ship, laden with machinery, left New York for Archangel. She was obliged after a day's trip to put into Vineyard Haven for repairs. She broke down again the next day and had to put into Portland, Maine, where Captain Lynn resigned. A new skipper was found, and when she put out from Louisburg, Nova Scotia, she went to her doom. Nothing was heard of her for a year; then in January, 1917, Robert Miller, a farmer in the Orkney Islands, picked up a bottle on the beach near his home. One of the messages read: "Friends—to whom it may concern: We are sinking in mid-ocean, and the captain has deserted us. There are ten men behind. Faithfully yours, the steward of the ship, George Matthews."

BRINGING UP FATHER.